

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on December 2, 1998

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 97-2828

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: AIR PACIFIC LIMITED Date Filed: October 14, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 USC section 41301 to permit the applicant to conduct scheduled, combination services between Nadi, Fiji, and the two U.S. coterminal points Los Angeles, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii, via Auckland, New Zealand, and beyond the two U.S. coterminals to and from the two Canadian coterminal points Toronto and Vancouver, Canada, through December 31, 1999.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: The authority to conduct Nadi-Auckland-Honolulu-Los Angeles service was last granted on October 5, 1998, in Docket OST 96-1842, and the authority to conduct Nadi-Honolulu-Canada service was last granted on November 19, 1997, in Docket OST 97-2828.

Applicant representative(s): Thomas J. Whalen, Evelyn D. Sahr and Michelle R. Johnson, 202-289-0500

Responsive pleadings: On October 29, 1998, the State of Hawaii filed an answer in support of the application.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved. Action date: December 2, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: December 2, 1998, through December 31, 1999.

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): United States-Fiji Air Transport Agreement. The authority to serve Toronto, however, was based on there being adequate reciprocity with Fiji.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

 $\underline{\underline{}}$ Standard exemption conditions (attached) $\underline{\underline{X}}$ Foreign air carrier permit conditions

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director

Office of International Aviation

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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